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SUBJECT: ITALY WILL NOT VOTE FOR IRAN ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS  
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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor David D. Pearce for reasons  
1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloffs delivered Reftel A demarche separately to Stefano De Leo, MFA Iran Desk, and Alessandro Busacca, MFA UN Reform Coordinator, April 28, urging Italy to oppose Iran's candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (HRC). May 2, Busacca responded that Italy shares U.S. views on candidates for the HRC and will not support Iran's bid. He noted that IO A/S Silverberg had also brought up U.S. concerns at the Geneva Group meeting. Busacca also affirmed that Italy would not support the candidacies of countries like Iran, Cuba, Zimbabwe, Burma, Sudan, or North Korea, as he had previously indicated (Reftel B). FM Fini also conveyed Italy's commitment to supporting only countries with a commitment to promoting and protecting human rights in his May 2 response to Sec. Rice's letter on the HRC elections (Ref C).  
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